

AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE

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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To reduce the generation of articles whose appreciation period has expired and to promote sales during the appreciation period by changing a sales **price** to a prescribed **price** set beforehand for an article column where the articles after the lapse of prescribed days are present.

CONSTITUTION: Data on an appreciation period number-of-days are set through a **remote** controller first (S1). Then, data on the set number of days of the appreciation period are assigned to the respective product columns (judgement object columns) (S2). Then, the elapsed number of days from the date of storage and a discount amount are set (S3). At the time of a normal operation, the elapsed number of days from the date of the storage of the articles is calculated for the respective article columns (S4) and whether or not the elapsed number of days of the articles stored in the article column which is a calculation object reaches a prescribed number of days is discriminated (S5). In the discrimination, when the articles whose elapsed number of days reaches the prescribed number of days are stored, the discount **price** for the article column is calculated and the discount **price** is displayed at a sales **price** display part (S6).